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"Optimization Through Webification"



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I hope that you are all attuned to my "Fleet Liaison" Office and one-stop approach to assist you in problem resolution here at NMIMC. As the Fleet Liaison, Mr. Frank Bunn has heard from many of you and been instrumental in serving as an advocate for your concerns and issues. However, I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know of other key leadership changes made recently and in the offing. You may have picked up on some of these personnel changes already. In the last newsletter, I profiled CDR Sharon Winkler-Peiser as relief for CAPT Rodgers, and have made mention of other changes in the context of previous newsletters, conferences, etc. The following line-up is provided to update you on my Directors and the changes in leadership here at NMIMC.

Title/Department	From	To	Effective Date
XO	CAPT D. Maloney, MSC	CAPT S. Rodgers, MSC	5 Nov 00
Resources	LCDR K. Little, MSC	No change	N/A
Operational Medicine	CAPT G. Craigmiles, MSC	LCDR K. Walters, RAN	1 Aug 00
Information Services	CDR M. Horton, NC	No change	
Project Management	CAPT S. Rodgers, MSC	CDR S. Winkler-Peiser, MSC	1 Oct 00
Administration	CDR E. Guible, MSC	LT M. Hinesley, MSC	1 Oct 00
Data Quality	CDR R. Connors, MSC	CDR M. Turner, MC	1 Oct 00

Dooling Award Nominations

I sent out a letter on 20 Sep 00 requesting nominations for Officer, Enlisted, Civilian IM Professional and Team of the Year Awards by 30 Oct 00. These awards are presented at a DoD Awards Luncheon held in conjunction with Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS). Due to the feedback that many of you have just received my letter, I am extending the date for nominations to be submitted to 30 Nov 00. Nominations may be sent by e-mail to my POC, Ms. Rita DeShields at rsdeshields@us.med.navy.mil or faxed to (301)-295-6214.

Teleradiology Starter Kits

Based on the responses to the TeleRadiology (TR) Survey, my staff from the Naval Telemedicine Business Office (NTBO) will be installing TR Starter Kits over the next six to twelve months. The Navy Diagnostic Imaging and Radiotherapy Board (NAVDIRB) has selected 13 Commands to receive centrally funded teleradiology equipment. The initial deployment will occur in three regions: the mid-west Great Lakes region, the Pacific region and in Europe. This selection was based on functional criteria defined by the NAVDIRB and posted on NMIMC NTBO Teleradiology Survey web page during the summer. There is funding for 7 additional systems (for a total of 20) this year, and a decision as to which activities will receive these kits is pending. The description of the TeleRadiology Starter Kits is defined in a PowerPoint presentation located at <http://navmedinfo.med.navy.mil/ntbo/mil/TRADSURVEY/TRadSurvey.htm>.

The selected system will use key components from the IBM Digital Imaging Network Picture Archiving & Communication System (DIN-PACS) solution which is designed to be an interim command solution and fully interoperable with future DIN-PACS deployment defined in the Navy's five year DIN-PACS implementation plan. The equipment selection was based on the direct input provided by each command's points of contact (technical and clinical) to the NTBO Teleradiology Survey and telephone follow-up to confirm the local command's Concept of Operation.

My NTBO staff are providing primary project management for this initiative as well as user training and follow-up support from the 24 x 7 Telemedicine Technical Support Center (TTSC - HELPDESK). This center has vendor-trained technical staff for central post-installation software and hardware remote technical assistance. The Radworks application is the same imaging software being deployed on all Navy large deck platforms and is currently operational at the three Naval Medical Centers. This equipment will link medical providers with end-to-end authorized access to medical images from any Military Treatment Facility with equipment that is compliant with the industry standard Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) 3.0 data transfer protocols.

The initial equipment costs, onsite installation expenses, and user training is centrally funded under this Navy initiative. Local commands will be responsible for equipment maintenance beyond the one-year warranty period, the ongoing telecommunication costs and any other lifecycle management expenses. We will consider a central maintenance contract to take advantage of economies of scale, if there is demand from the field.

The NTBO TTSC is designed to maximize user benefit, facilitate problem resolution, and to minimize commands' future maintenance expenses. It supports enterprise sustainment with (Tier 2) technical assistance and direct central vendor liaison.

I will write to you formally in the months prior to installation to advise you that the equipment has been ordered by NMMLC/DSCP and that the technical support team is coming your way.

My POC for this initiative is LCDR Kim Corley who may be contacted at (301) 319-1071 or KCorley@us.med.navy.mil

AMSUS November 2000

In follow-up to my last newsletter and discussion regarding AMSUS, I am looking forward to meeting with many of you about your information management concerns. I want to provide you with the following just-in-time information on our team's and my availability at AMSUS. Other than the times we are doing presentations, we will be glad to meet with you. Please contact Ms. Rita DeShields to set up convenient meeting times. Also, if you have specific questions or issues, let us know as we may be able to get you the answers in Las Vegas. My POC, Ms. DeShields can be reached at rsdeshields@us.med.navy.mil and (301) 319-1045 until her 5 Nov departure for AMSUS.

Date	Time	Presenter(s)	Topic
6 Nov 00	All day	CDR Sharon Banks-Tarr	Poster Presentation - Dimensions of Data Quality; System Analysis/Functional Review-Process (WMSN)
6 Nov 00	All day	CDR Maria Horton	Poster Presentation - Portals
6 Nov 00	All day	HMC Jeryl Wilson	Poster Presentation - Immunization Tracking System
6 Nov 00	All day	DT1 Bradley Shee	Poster Presentation - DENCAS
6 Nov 00	15:15 - 15:45	CAPT David Snyder, MSC, USN	The Military Computer-based Patient Record (CPR)
6 Nov 00	15:45 - 16:30	CAPT Richard Bakalar, MSC, USN	Optimizing Telehealth: Yesterday
		LCDR Brian Grady, MC, USN	Today
		COL Warren Whitlock, MC, USA	Tomorrow
6 Nov 00	13:45 - 17:00	CAPT L. J. Walters, MSC, USN	Message from the CIO and Speaker intros at Navy Plenary Session
8 Nov 00	15:00 - 16:00	CDR Sharon Banks-Tarr	Data Quality Integration
8 Nov 00	9:05 - 9:45	CAPT L. J. Walters, MSC, USN	Information Management: Where are we going?

Windows 2000 (W2K) Update

In the last newsletter, I addressed the possibility of purchasing Windows 2000 (W2K) for the Claimancy, and requested that the CIOs and MID staff review and comment on the Architecture Policy for W2K. My original request for response was due by 20 Oct, however, we have not received much feedback. As a result, I am extending the due date to 3 Nov. I will also make this an agenda issue for the CIO VTC next week. I know that everyone is busy and this represents an added responsibility, so I really appreciate your input. We are hopeful that we can begin deployment of W2K in the near future, and addressing your concerns up front will provide us with a smooth transition.

My POCs for the Windows 2000 Standardization Project are Steve McKay at (301)319-1280 or email, <mailto:stmckay@us.med.navy.mil> and Linnie Coleman at (301)319-1023 or email, <mailto:lrcoleman@us.med.navy.mil>

MICROMEDEX Update

I am pleased to report that we received the server we ordered to support central access to MICROMEDEX databases and the MICROMEDEX software was installed on that server. Your CIO and/or MID staff will be contacted by my POC, Mr. Frank Becker, fjbecker@us.med.navy.mil or (301)-319-1229, who will establish accounts and provide details on how you can access the server.

In the last newsletter, I provided the Web site URL (<http://www.micromedex.com/dod/>) that MICROMEDEX has set up to allow you to request copies of the software for local use. The feedback from MICROMEDEX indicates that you are taking advantage of this capability.

Immunization Tracking Program

My staff on the Immunization Tracking Team in conjunction with HQ Marine Corps, Anthrax Vaccination Implementation Program Office, Navy Medical Logistic Command, CINCPAC, CINCLANT, and SPAWAR completed assist visits to I and II MEF from the 10th through the 18th of October. The assist visits resulted in training for over 100 SAMS users and command representatives in current Anthrax protocol, handling of vaccinations, immunization reporting requirements, and correcting errors. Issues and concerns from customers were identified and handled through the appropriate office. Since training completion we have received files from 20 sites that were non-reporting prior to site visits and there is a noted decrease in number of duplicate shots in the data exported to NMIMC. There is an assist visit to III MEF scheduled in January 2001.

My POC, HMC Jeryl Wilson can be contacted at (301)-319-1164 or email jawilson@us.med.navy.mil

Patriot's Choice

I have received inquiries regarding the language in BUMED's FY01 APF release on 6 Oct stating, "The FY 00 PBD IM/IT reduction has not been continued in FY 01. Your APF trails will reflect restoration of the one-time FY 00 IM/IT suppression. Thus, there is no longer a financial restriction on funding procurement of desktop computers. Chief Information Officer or other BUMED policy will now prevail instead," and how these guidelines affect the future procurement of end user devices. This statement does not change the use of the Patriot's Choice program as the sole provider of PCs, laptops, and servers to the Claimancy. My staff is working on a policy statement that will fulfill the requirements of the BUMED memo.

Since the NMCI contract award on 6 October, we have also received questions on the impact of NMCI on Patriot's Choice. As Navy Medicine is not planning to begin participation with NMCI until the fourth quarter of FY02, and then only 1000 hybrid seats, NMCI will not have any impact on PC lease in the short term. My POC for Patriot's Choice remains Ben Weaver and he can be contacted at (301)319-1275 and BEWeaver@us.med.navy.mil.

NMIMC INTRODUCTION



It is my pleasure to introduce Mr. Howell Carter IV. Mr. Carter, a seasoned IT/IM professional, is being hosted by NMIMC as he prepares to assume his duties as MID Officer of the Naval Dental Clinic Europe, Naples, Italy. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and Tulane University. Mr. Carter's areas of expertise include systems and network administration. His family will accompany him to Italy for the 3-5 year tour. Departure date is set for 1 November 00. Mr. Carter is a welcome addition to the Medical community's IM/IT family.